

**In the Specification**

On page 43, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

Fig. 1 ~~a and b~~:

Reactivity of B. burgdorferi-infected patients with lysates from 5 different B. burgdorferi strains in a Western blot.

Sera from stages II and III (neuroborreliosis, stage II (IgM and IgG); acrodermatitis (IgG) and arthritis (IgG), stage III) were assayed. The early immune response is directed, irrespective of the assayed strain, against a narrow spectrum of Borrelia proteins (pC and p41). The late immune response is directed against a broad panel of Borrelia proteins. Immuno-dominant proteins are (irrespective of the assayed strain) p100 (with variable molecular weight) and p41.